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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CHILE/PERU FRONTIER REGION

REF: (A) STATE 016686; (B) LIMA 0770; (C) SANTIAGO 0909

1. MY COLLEAGUES, AMBASSADOR POPPER AND CHARGE BARNABEY, HAVE EXPRESSED CLEARLY THEIR VIEWS ABOUT A US INITIATIVE OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AS A DEVICE TO REDUCE TENSIONS BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU AND TO ALLEEViate PRESSURE BY BOLIVIA FOR BETTER ECONOMIC ACCESS TO THE PACIFIC. THEIR OBSERVATIONS HAVE MERIT. YET I WISH TO REPEAT BY PROPOSAL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR CAVEATS, BECAUSE THE TWO PROBLEMS DON'T APPEAR TO BE MOVING TOWARD A SOLUTION.

2. MY IDEA IS THAT FIRST STEPS FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROACH WOULD BE FOR US TO SUGGEST THAT CHILE AND PERU CONSIDER ALONG WITH BOLIVIA THE MERITS OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A FRONTIER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. IF THEY AGREED, THEY MIGHT REQUEST FINANCING FOR THE STUDY FROM THE IFIS OR OTHER COUNTRIES, WHICH WE COULD SUPPORT. I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER THAT THIS OR SOME SIMILAR STEP IS WORTH DISCUSSING WHILE YOU ARE IN CHILE AND PERU.

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3. GOOD LUCK ON YOUR TRIP.

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